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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. As a result of the amendments listed above, Claims 1-25 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new Claims 26-36 have been added.

In the changes made by the current amendment, ~~deletions are shown by strikethrough~~, and additions are underlined.

Double Patenting Rejection Is Now Moot

Claims 1-25 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,619,308. In response, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-25, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present rejection of Claims 1-25 is now moot.

New Claims 26-36 Have Been Added

Claims 26-36 have been added by this amendment and are fully supported by the application as filed. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no new matter has been entered by this amendment. Consideration and allowance of new Claims 26-36 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Curtiss C. Dosier at the number provided below, to resolve such issue promptly.

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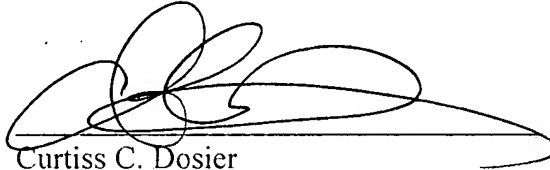
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